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Bible Story Focus: I can follow Jesus.

The Twelve • *The Gospels*

Memory Verse: “Come and follow me,” Jesus said.” Matthew 4:19, NIV

Key Question: Who can you follow?

Bottom Line: I can follow Jesus.

Basic Truth: Jesus wants to be my friend forever.

Jesus and the Disciples

Live for God | Application Activity

Made to Create: An activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft

What You Need: “Jesus” and “Disciples” Activity Pages, cardstock, sentence strips (one per child), scissors, and glue sticks

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Copy the “Jesus” Activity Page onto cardstock and cut in half (one half page per child). Copy the “Disciples” Activity Page onto cardstock and cut along dotted lines (one set of 12 disciples per child). Fold a sentence strip for each child accordion style five times (to create six sections). Set the “Jesus” half page, a folded sentence strip, and a set of disciple pictures at each spot at the table. Set the glue sticks in the center.

During the Activity: Point out the picture of Jesus on their half page. Then talk about His friends, the 12 disciples. Show the children how to glue each of the 12 disciples onto the sentences strips in each section created by the folds. The folds have created six sections on each side of the strip. Children will glue the disciples on the front and back of each folded section. When finished, help the children glue the back flap to the half page to the right of Jesus. Make sure the back flap is firmly attached so that when the child pulls on the sentence strip, he or she will see the disciples following Jesus!

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today we learned about Jesus’ 12 special friends called the disciples. Did they follow Jesus? *(Pause.)* Yes! See the page in front of you? I see Jesus but not His friends. Let’s glue the disciples to our long sentence strip so we can add them to the page with Jesus!”

After the Activity: “You can tell your friends all about the disciples who chose to follow Jesus! We can follow Jesus, too. Tell me: **Who can you follow? [Bottom Line] I can follow Jesus.**”